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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Before the issuance of the first Official Action,
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 4, line 1, delete "or 3";

Claim 5, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding
claims" and insert "--claim 1--;

Claim 7, line 1, delete "or 6";

Claim 8, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 10, line 1, delete "or 9";

Claim 11, line 1, delete "9 or 10";

Claim 12, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 14, line 1, delete "or 13";

Claim 15, line 1, delete "13 or 14,";

Claim 16, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 18, line 1, delete "or 17";

Claim 19, line 1, delete "17 or 18";

Claim 20, line 1, delete "anyone of the claims 16 to 19" and insert --claim 16--;

Claim 21, line 1, delete "anyone of the claims 16 to 20" and insert --claim 16--;

Claim 22, line 1, delete "anyone of the claims 16 to 21" and insert --claim 16--;

Claim 23, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 24, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 25, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 26, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 27, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 28, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 29, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 30, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 31, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

Claim 32, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--;

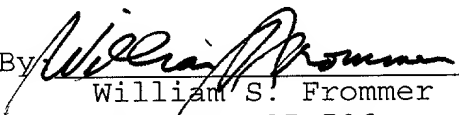
Claim 33, line 1, delete "anyone of the preceding claims" and insert --claim 1--.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependencies. The filing fee has been calculated based upon these amendments to the claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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